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I'm a 22-year resident of the central coast, League of Women Voters activist, and volunteer at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

I walk along the coast daily and never fail to appreciate its natural beauty.

I am aware of the degradation marine life has suffered--increasingly in the past decade--and believe the mitigation we need is adoption of sufficient areas of marine protected zones.

I urge you to support improved protection of the ocean with a significant network of fully protected reserves, sufficient to bring back a sustainable level of diversified marine life.

Your choice of the largest possible regions for protection will still leave most of the ocean open to fishermen who we have to rely on to leave sustainable stocks for the future.

I appreciate very much your service to the community in this regard; it is indeed commendable and I thank you for that as well as consideration of these comments.

Most Sincerely,
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